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TAX PREPARER ARRESTED ON 43 COUNTS RELATED TO TAX THEFT

ATLANTA—A tax preparer in Twiggs County has been arrested on 43 felony charges including identity fraud, computer theft and theft by receiving. The announcement was made this morning in a press conference at the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office in Jeffersonville, Georgia.

Jackie Young Elvine of Jeffersonville, was arrested last week to conclude a joint investigation by the Department of Revenue and Twiggs County Sheriff's Office. Elvine was charged with 18 counts of computer fraud, 18 counts of theft by receiving stolen property, and 7 counts of identity theft.

Elvine's arrest concluded an extensive investigation by the Department's Office of Special Investigations and Macon Regional Office in conjunction with the Twiggs County Sheriff's Office. The investigation began more than 24 months ago and resulted from a series of complaints involving the filing of fraudulent tax returns and identity theft.

As of today, the investigation remains ongoing with additional arrests possible, according to Sheriff R. Darren Mitchum. Sheriff Mitchum and a representative of the Department's Office of Special Investigations were present for today's announcement.

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Corrected announcement